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I have the honour to transmit herewith the French and English texts of the statement concerning Nagorny Karabakh adopted by the European Union on 9 November 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Paul NOTERDAEME
Permanent Representative of Belgium
to the United Nations

Annex

[Original: English and French]

Brussels, 9 November 1993

STATEMENT ON NAGORNY KARABAKH

The European Union condemns the breach of the cease-fire agreement reached on 24 October 1993 in the region of Nagorny Karabakh and calls upon all forces to withdraw from the recently occupied territories. The European Union reiterates the importance it attaches to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with the principles of the CSCE.

The European Union is particularly concerned at the fate of tens of thousands of civilians who are fleeing the fighting. Receiving and protecting these refugees must be a priority for the international community. However, the presence of these refugees increases the risk of the conflict becoming an international one and threatens the stability of the whole region.

The European Union will continue its humanitarian aid to the affected population and would call upon all States in the region to facilitate the carrying of the aid.

The European Union reaffirms its total support for the efforts undertaken by the CSCE Minsk Group in order to find a lasting political solution to the conflict in Nagorny Karabakh. It prevails upon the parties to the conflict to renew the cease-fire broken on 24 October 1993.